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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:

**BEVERLY S. PACKARD and AKIRA  
KOMORIYA**

Application No.: **09/874,350**

Filed: **06/04/2001**

For: **COMPOSITIONS FOR THE  
DETECTION OF ENZYME ACTIVITY IN  
BIOLOGICAL SAMPLES AND METHODS  
OF USE THEREOF**

Examiner: Chih Min Kam

Art Unit: 1656

Confirmation No: 3770

**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 5, 2005, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

The following documents are enclosed herewith:

- 1) A petition to extend the period of response for three months;
- 2) A substitute Oath/Declaration;
- 3) A Terminal Disclaimer; and
- 4) A substitute Sequence Listing (hard copy and computer readable form (CRF)).

Please amend the specification and/or claims as shown herein.